

While Governing Board members, including Canada, are agreed on the objective of elaborating in detail, through the Principles adopted today, on the action called for in Principle No. 6 of the October, 1977, Ministerial Decision, it is important that IEA Participating Countries and their publics make certain they understand what is being done through this document. They should be clear on the precise nature of the obligations being undertaken today, in what policy areas, and on what governmental bodies. For this reason Canada has asked for the floor at this time to indicate for the record its understanding of the domestic and international implications for Canada of the provisions of these Principles, and the accompanying Governing Board Decision on Procedures for Review of IEA Countries' Coal Policies.

- The coal document makes clear that the Principles for IEA Action on Coal are not legally binding. Footnote No. 1 makes it clear that in accepting the Decision governments of IEA Participating Countries express their firm political determination to give effect to the Principles "taking into account their individual energy circumstances". One important aspect of Canada's energy circumstances which will have to be taken into account is that, given the divers nature of our